

REMARKS

The issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed November 5, 2004, are the objection to the specification and the objections under 35 U.S.C §112. Reconsideration of these issues, in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is thanked for noting the allowability of claim 27.

Objection to Specification

It is respectfully submitted that the language in claim 31 does not represent new matter. Claim 31 repeated the language of original claim 6, and the language of original claim 6 is contained in the specification at page 7, based on previous amendment. In any event, the cancellation of claim 31, solely in order to expedite prosecution, obviates this objection. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C §112

The cancellation of claim 31 also obviates the rejection thereof, and cancellation of this portion of the rejection is respectfully requested.

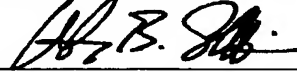
The Examiner is thanked for indicating various typographical errors in the claims. Appropriate correction has been made, which correction does not change the scope of the claims either literally or for purposes of the doctrine of equivalents. It is thus submitted that items 1, 3 and 5 at pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action are moot.

With respect to dependencies of claim 7, 26, 28, 29 and 30, minor typographical amendments have been made to these claims either clarifying their antecedent basis, or making the claims independent. Thus, item 2 at page 3 of the Office Action is also moot.

Finally, cancellation of claim 31 renders item 4 at page 4 of the Office Action moot. In conclusion, the application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and passage to issue is respectfully requested. However, should the Examiner have any comments or questions which would expedite prosecution, she is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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